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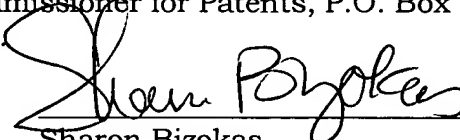
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 6, 2003, please enter the following amendments. A version of the amendments with markings to indicate additions and deletions to the amended subject matter is also included below.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 39.

1. (Twice Amended) A damping system for an evacuated energy storage device, said device having a rotor assembly that is rotatably supported and guided by a bearing assembly, comprising a rolling element substantially confined between an



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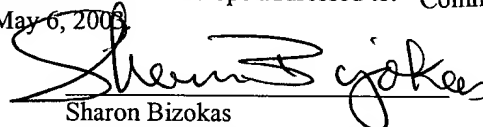
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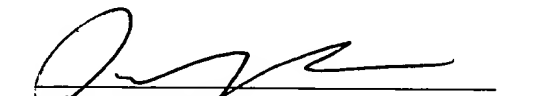
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (6 pages);
2. This Transmittal Letter (1 page); and
3. Return Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any excess fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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